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Application Number	10/635,862
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Examiner Name	Giles, Nicholas G.
Attorney Docket Number	FN-101-CIP-US

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This application is a continuation-in-part of 10/170,511, filed June 12, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 7,042,505, issued May 9, 2006, which is a continuation of 08/947,603, filed October 9, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,407,777, issued June 18, 2002. No references are being submitted for citations which have been cited in the parent applications identified above, as defined in 37 CFR 1.98(d).

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayment of fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-4399.

Respectfully submitted,

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